

ABSTRACT

A method for transferring data from a head-end to a number of receivers by means of a digital broadcast signal is described, wherein each of the receivers includes a descrambler for descrambling a received digital transport stream. The method includes sending a message from the head-end to each receiver to which data needs to be transferred. This message includes a key unique to the respective receiver and the unique key is loaded in the descrambler of the respective receiver. A table of unique keys with corresponding addresses of the respective receivers is provided at the head-end. Further at the request of at least one receiver, data packets with an individual address of this at least one receiver are provided and these data packets are inserted into transport packets of a digital transport stream. A key is selected from the table in accordance with the address of the data packet and the transport packets are scrambled using the selected key. The digital transport stream is broadcasted and received at one or more receivers. The scrambled transport packets of the digital transport stream are descrambled only at the receiver having the unique key used to scramble the scrambled transport packets.